

CHRIST church



annual report

for the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Annual Parish Meeting
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Certification of Quorum
4. Election of Clerk for the Annual Meeting
5. Approval of the Minutes from the 175th Annual Meeting
6. Thanks to departing Vestry members
7. Report of the Nominating Committee
Nominations from the Floor
Elections
8. Report of the Rector
9. Report of the Senior Warden
10. Approval of Printed Reports (except for those in Agenda Items 11 & 12)
11. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for 2010
12. Presentation of the Draft Budget for 2011
13. Appointment of Ministry Leaders
14. Other Business
15. Closing Prayer
16. Adjournment



Meeting Minutes
Christ Church
One Hundred Seventy-fifth Annual Parish Meeting
January 24, 2010

The One Hundred Seventy-fifth Annual Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m., led in prayer by the Reverend Melody Shobe, with a quorum present, the Reverend Scott Gunn presiding, Senior Warden Joel Gardner and Junior Warden Bob Kay present.

Upon the motion of Joel Gardner, seconded by Bob Kay, it was VOTED: That Jennifer Banos is appointed Clerk of the Annual Meeting.

Minutes: Upon the motion of Judy Foltz, seconded by Elaine DaRosa, it was VOTED: That the minutes of the previous annual meeting are accepted as printed.

Farewell and thanks to departing Vestry Members: Reverend Gunn thanked outgoing Vestry members for their service~ Bob Kay, Lloyd Richmond, Grace Lang, Cindy Flaxington and Carlene Hervieux.

Elections: Senior Warden Joel Gardner presented the following slate~

Nominees for Vestry: Sr. Warden: Joel Gardner, Jr. Warden: Carlene Hervieux
Clerk: Jen Banos, Vestry members: Linda Mendonca, Paul Aikens, LuJean Johnson

Nominees for Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Bette Bruckner, Judy Foltz, Cynthia Horan

Nominees for Alternate Delegate: Edward Gnys, Joseph Rabbitt, Jane Worton

Nominations to the Blackstone Valley Deanery: Bette Bruckner, Cynthia Horan, Paul Tetrault

Motion made by Elaine DaRosa, seconded by Bob Cutler it was VOTED: That the nominations are closed and the slate is elected as presented.

Report from the Rector: Parish members are encouraged to be active participants, keeping in mind that the Vestry holds open meetings. There was positive feedback given at a recent Ministry Leaders' meeting. One reason is that there is growth as a community of prayer and spirituality. We come together to try to find God in our lives. We have challenges ahead. We are half way through our Renaissance campaign. Seventy-two families are contributing to the campaign, with \$172,000.00 pledged. We have added a second priest, worked on the south side of the church and have done masonry work. There are approximately 230 families that call Christ Church their parish home who have yet to make a commitment. Father Gunn asked for these families to consider giving to support the long term preservation of our parish.

The average pledge has increased over 15% this year, which is phenomenal giving in this economy. We have about twenty families who are active at this parish but have yet to make a financial commitment. We have shown signs of success with room to improve. Sunday programs will be looked into. We need to move beyond just "welcoming" and toward incorporating more people into the life of the parish. We will read the bible from Genesis to Revelations through the exploration the The Story.

Report from Senior Warden: Our Vestry has grown in faith that God has a plan for our place. We believe in ourselves, but so do those in the community and the Diocese. Our focus is reverence and to inspire through worship services; helping people in the community here and around the world. The Vestry is available on a weekly basis to address prevalent issues affecting our own parish.

Printed Reports from parish ministries were accepted as printed upon the motion of Linda Mendonca, seconded by Bill Reid. All in favor

Treasurer's Report presented by Jeff Hopkins: Following a review of the figures, Al Mongeau made a motion to accept the 2009 Treasurer's report as presented. Joanne Jourdan responded to second the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor.

Budget for 2010 Sr. Warden Joel Gardner announced, in accordance with our parish bylaws, that the Vestry will vote to pass a budget at the next regular Vestry meeting since a final budget isn't ready to be presented today. Anticipated deficit in budget needs to be reduced.

Appointment of Ministry Leaders Jane Gauvin was recognized for her years of service and dedication to the Altar Guild. Jean Kay will assume this leadership role, while Jane will assist the Guild with particular activities. Slate of ministry leaders was presented to the parish.

Other Business: Father Gunn extended his thanks to Linda Gorman, Parish Administrator and Dianne Papineau, Parish Assistant, for their hard work throughout the year. Our Sexton Gary Rounds was also recognized. Laura Brion, our Choir Director was thanked as well as our Associate Rector, the Reverend Melody Shobe.

Following Closing Prayer, it was motioned and seconded that the one hundred seventy-fifth Annual Meeting at Christ Church Lincoln be adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Banos, Clerk of the Annual Meeting



Rector's Report

It has certainly been an eventful year at Christ Church. Our conversations about our merger and our buildings toward the end of year were difficult moments in our lives together. But it would be a mistake to let those few weeks define who we are or even our memory of the year.

In the spring, we were finishing up our celebrations of 175 years of ministry within this parish. This culminated in a Sunday service offered in a style adapted from the liturgy in use when we were founded in 1834. After this service, we continued with a picnic on our grounds, complete with guests in period costume.

Many of us at Christ Church have had an enriching experience with God's Word as we have read the entire Bible together. Our year of Bible-reading began in September with a series of fantastic events. Over Labor Day weekend, we read the whole Bible out loud in the course of three full days (74 hours). Hundreds of people tuned into our live webcast of the event, and all those involved encountered parts of the Bible they might not have otherwise read. This generated lots of interest inside and outside our parish, a desire to enter more fully into the depth and breadth of Holy Scripture.

In the middle of September, we launched the Good Book Club. On Sundays, all of our classes were based on *The Story* or *The Story for Kids* – a condensed narrative of the Bible. On Thursdays, we gathered for Good Book Thursdays, with a group of around 25-30 people who are reading the entire Bible, not just the condensed bits. My sense is that lots of us know the Bible much better now than we did before our reading adventure began.

Of course, we are Christians in Word and in deed. The Bible gives us our foundation, but there is something to be said for a faith that moves out into the world. Our outreach ministries flourished, including new ministry with the Ashton Elementary School, which we adopted. In this case, our ministry is a willingness to provide tutors and to offer the supplies the school needs in order to carry out its vital work of education.

In many ways, our parish grew and prospered throughout the year. But there was something else happening at the same time. Our vestry looked at decades of history (and associated issues with deferred maintenance) and our present situation, and we began to work hard to formulate a plan which would ensure that the ministries of Christ Church could continue for decades to come and beyond. Our present buildings have considerable

repair and restoration needs, and then there are larger challenges such as lack of wheelchair access and suitable parking. Our buildings cost an enormous amount to operate, and this means that much of our pledge contribution is used for things other than ministry.

Toward the end of the year, the vestry suggested a plan for our future that involved merging with Emmanuel Church in Cumberland and leaving behind our beloved and historic buildings. Conversation grew heated as people disagreed about whether “place” or “mission” was most important. This took a sad toll on our parish as hurtful words were uttered.

As I write this, it is now two weeks since our parish held a special meeting in late January to decide which path to pursue. The parish chose to reject the merger plan, and so now the parish will need to recommit itself to caring for these buildings in this place. My hope is that everyone who turned out to vote will offer their time, skill, and money in very generous ways.

The reality is, of course, that some people will feel called to seek out a new spiritual home which offers the programs and spiritual growth opportunities they desire. I have asked people to think carefully before making any decisions. When we part, we must do so on good terms.

What we need to do now is no different than in any other time in our lives. We must pray without ceasing. We must be generous and charitable with others, especially those with whom we disagree. And we must seek the best for others.

As long as I am rector at Christ Church, I will serve the people here to the best of my ability, working for the best future of the parish. This will require many other people to support their parish in word and in deed. My prayer and hope is that Christ Church will thrive. This will be true, if the people of Christ Church themselves grow and thrive.

I am profoundly grateful for an outstanding vestry, who have worked beyond measure and who have ensured much. You have had terrifically dedicated and faithful officers in Joel Gardner, Carlene Hervieux, Jen Banos, Ethan Gafford, and Al Mongeau. Our staff has worked hard to support the parish. And, of course, I am honored to serve with the Rev'd Melody Shobe and the Rev'd Joyce Thorne. May God bless us all on our journeys.

Peace,
Scott+

Senior Warden

Dear Friends in Christ;

As I finish my term as Senior Warden, I want to tell you that, yes, it has continued to be an honor and a privilege to serve this parish. These past three years have been a tremendous growth experience for me, and I have been blessed to work with a truly magnificent group of people on the vestry, and tremendously gifted and faithful clergy. Over the past three years, your vestry has been burdened tremendous challenges and has faced them with grace, courage, and above all prayer. Every decision has been made with much consideration of “how can we best prepare this parish to do God’s work in the world”.

As Christ Church moves into the next chapter of its life, I urge you all to give careful thought when selecting new leadership. It will be of utmost importance to the future of this parish that the new leaders are able to work together cooperatively and productively amongst themselves, and with the clergy. Please pray for the parish, the leadership, and each other. I will be praying for you as well.

God’s Peace,
Joel Gardner

Associate Rector

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I cannot tell a lie. 2010 has been a difficult year. We have wrestled, as a congregation and individuals, with some very tough questions. We have struggled with what it means to be a church, how to live together during conflict, what God is calling us to do and to be in the world today. And yet, in the midst of that struggling and questioning and wrestling, there have been bright moments of great joy. Even in the darkest of times light and life shines forth.

One of those brightly shining moments of joy was our Miqra weekend in September, when we read the entire Bible out loud over the course of 73 hours. It was an amazing gift, as people from all parts of our church community, of all ages, sat down day and night and read God’s word. Those who joined in were transformed; those who listened and heard of our efforts were touched and challenged. We, as a church, shone as a beacon of light to the world, sharing the commitment to God’s word and the power of community.

The great joy and light that began at Miqra did not end when the last passage of the Revelation to Saint John was read aloud. Instead, it was only the beginning of our journey with the Bible, which we have continued into 2011. On Sunday mornings those of all ages have been making their way through the story of God’s great love for us—the greatest story ever told. On Thursday evenings, dozens of people have gathered to explore that story even further, reading the Bible from cover to cover, and studying it together as a community. 2010 was the beginning of that amazing journey, an endeavor that continues into 2011 and beyond.

Our encounter with God’s word has embraced our worship as well. In the fall of 2010 we began Logos, a worship service designed especially for children that takes place during our 10:30 service. This is a chance for children to encounter God’s word and worship at their own level and in their own way. A team of lay volunteers has joined together with the clergy to lead these young people in worship. And every Sunday of Logos has been a moment of great joy, when the youngest members of our church join their voices in singing, open their ears and hearts to God’s word, and lift their prayers up to God.

It has been a privilege to live and work in this community in 2010. It has been a joy to share every day with you—the difficult days as well as the joyful ones. May we continue to wrestle with the tough questions, even when it is painful. May we continue to shine light in the darkness, find joy in the midst of sadness, and proclaim life in the midst of death.

God’s peace,
Melody+



Parish Register

Baptisms (11)

Quinn Collins Mckee
Tamara Elaine McCurdy
Aedan Ross Donovan McCurdy
Cayle Elaine McCurdy
Liam Colbraith John McCurdy
Alexandria Margaret Day
Noah Steven Ambeault
Sophia Emma Cutler
John Peyton Leone
Kaiden Anthony Charles Pariseau
Ethan Joseph Taylor

Confirmation/Reception (8)

Brad Vincent Bessette
Jamieson Andrew Fletcher
Barrett Alexander Jourdan
Sarah Elizabeth Kelley
Eric John Kilkenny
Benjamin Gordan Kuhar
Christopher David Tannock
Susan Blais

Weddings (3)

James Wallace Preston and Sonia Adelaide Santos
Frank Michael Barbuto, Jr. and Nicole Barbara Marshall
Daniel Andrew Moriarty and Pamela Ruth Angell

Burials (10)

Alfred "Paul" Tetrault
Eva Belgarde
Olive Myrtle Rhodes Lee
George Alfred Varden
Kathy Irons
Ines G. Curtis
Doris Louise Dougan
Robert Bruce Boyd
Elsie Elizabeth Evans
Muriel Ann Long

Acolytes

Acolyte Service Schedule as of Sept. 2010

18 Years	Bob Cutler
8 Years	Barrett Jourdan
8 Years	Christopher Tannock
6 Years	Christopher LaFreniere
6 Years	Sara LaFreniere
6 Years	Lauren Hervieux
5 Years	Lorry Boss
5 Years	David Bowen
4 Years	Jacob Jourdan
4 Years	Catherine Rancourt
4 Years	Kayla Tannock
3 Years	Daniel Bowen
3 Years	Jason Hopkins
3 Years	Nick LaFreniere
3 Years	Brooke Walsh
3 Years	Jennifer Walsh
1 Year	Ethan Gafford
1 Year	Shannon O'Connor
1 Year	Carson Scioletti
1 Year	Keith Thompson
New	Samantha Gafford
New	Sherilyn Pearce

The Acolyte ministry has its roots in the Old Testament of the Holy Bible, where the prophet Samuel is seen assisting Eli, the Levite priest, and Elisha is seen assisting Elijah the Prophet.

An acolyte can assist in worship by carrying the processional cross, lighting candles, holding the Gospel book, holding torches, assisting the deacon or priest set up and clean up at the altar, swinging incense, and many other tasks as seen fit by the priest.

In 2010, we were fortunate to have the Altar Guild replace acolytes' vestments with beautiful black cassocks and white cottas.

Christ Church is blessed to have a dedicated and reverent acolyte corps.

Yours in Christ,
Bob Cutler

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month in September, November, March, April and May, with the December meeting included in the decoration of the church for Christmas services.

Officers are:

Directress	Jean Kay
Flower Chairperson	Jane Gauvin
Secretary	Carole Scott
Treasurer	Judy Foltz
Sunshine	Lorry Boss

Our deepest appreciation also goes to Sue Lafreniere, Linda Mendonca and Joanne Jourdan, who bake the bread for Sunday services; to Jane Gauvin, who has been laundering our small linens since the passing of our beloved Muriel Long; to Dennis and Sue Lafreniere, who pick up the wine for our services; and at Christmas and Easter, to ALL the many volunteers who put up and take down the greens and set up and remove plant stands, along with the Guild members and others who decorate. Thanks also to Joanne and Alex Jourdan for purchasing and putting up and removing the Jesse Tree. We have fifteen active members and five inactive members, who dedicate their work as an offering to God in a service of love, and many volunteers who assist us as mentioned above.

The Guild is responsible for preparing for Sunday services, as well as any mid-week services. Cleaning the Chancel and Sacristy are done three times a year. Members prepare for weddings, baptisms and funerals. We decorate the church for Christmas and Easter. Each Sunday and on Easter, the members deliver flowers and plants to the sick and shut-ins of the parish.

During Lent palms were purchased and given in memory of deceased members of the Altar Guild. In April new acolyte vestments were purchased in memory of Barbara Brehio.

Our May banquet, chaired by Judy Foltz, was held at the Hearth & Kettle and included guests: Rev. Scott Gunn, Linda Gorman, Marie McManus, Al Benoit, Jack Peterson and Bob Kay. Jane was honored for her many years of devoted service to the Guild and also Elaine DaRosa (in absentia) for over 60 years of service to the Guild. Thanks go to Linda Mendonca for making favors and to Walter Scott for making dessert. In June the Guild met at Emerald Bay Manor (along with other members of the parish and Rev. Scott Gunn)

to celebrate a surprise 95th birthday party for Ruth Beck. A cake was made by Walter Scott and gifts and flowers were presented to Ruth. Thank you to Marilyn Fletcher for her photography of the event.

During the summer months, Walter and Carole Scott (with Jane's guidance and Fr. Scott's camera) put together an Altar Guild manual, which was distributed at the September meeting to all members. Walter and Carole donated the cost of the manuals to the Guild, for which we are grateful.

In December Lorry Boss and Jane Gauvin paid a visit to Ruth Beck and brought her a Christmas remembrance from the Guild. Ruth was most appreciative, and is always very happy to see visitors and news of Christ Church.

In December we were terribly saddened by the sudden death of our beloved Muriel Long, who will be sorely missed. The Guild members served as Honor Guard at her funeral, as well as at the funeral of Elsie Evans, a former member.

In January we welcomed two wonderful new members to the Altar Guild, Melissa Sullivan and Phyllis Benoit. A service of admission and corporate communion was held on January 23rd where they received their pins and a small gift to welcome them into the Guild. The Guild has hosted coffee hour when asked. New water pitchers were purchased for foot washing in Lent, as well as various candles as needed.

Altar Guild duties are a service of dedication and it is a pleasure to serve with such a special group of women. New members are invited and are always welcome. If you are interested or would like information, please speak to the Rev. Scott Gunn or myself.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean L. Kay, Directress



Altar Guild

The Altar Guild has three main accounts, which it uses for expenses. The Operating Account is used for candles gifts, cleaning of linens, etc.

Operating Account	1/01/10	\$1,204.79
Balance	12/31/10	668.38

The largest and most used account has been building a reserve over the years. On 3/26 the church treasurer transferred \$11,000.00 from this account into the church's operating account, as provided for in the parish budget. This put the Guild in a tight situation for the Easter season.

Flower Account	1/01/10	\$12,915.37
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		1,915.37
Easter flowers		1,350.00
Balance	12/31/10	\$2,072.06

The third account contains the restricted funds left to the Altar Guild for family memorials, etc. When the guild was asked to pay for the new acolyte robes, the family of Barbara Brehio, a former guild member, agreed to use some of her memorial funds to pay for the robes.

Restricted Account	1/01/10	\$ 9,727.13
Acolyte Robes		2,521.00
Balance	12/31/10	\$10,321.43

Our \$5,000 CD matured on 12/23/10. It earned \$140.00 interest. Five hundred dollars was deposited in our Operating Account and \$500.00 deposited into the Flower Account. The balance was put in a savings account.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Foltz, Treasurer



Church School

We have been blessed with the combination of enthusiastic adult volunteers, and families who have been participating in church school that have made this year complete.

We have promoted that a fuller relationship with God comes from the blending of Christian education and family worship; one doesn't take place of the other. Most families in our Church School have been able to participate in both on a weekly basis. The ability to work with the students and also be able to attend church each Sunday has been a perk for the teachers as well.

Our young people have participated in almost every facet of the church: worshipping, reading, acolyting, singing, acting, creating cross palms and Easter eggs, decorating Advent wreaths and gingerbread houses for our shut ins, buying groceries and preparing meals for our neighbors in need and offering to watch our youngest parishioners during church.

These students have had a unique opportunity to engage in a special curriculum aimed at working through the bible, beginning in September. By this report, we are nearly the end of the Old Testament with a deeper understanding of the significant players and events of one of the best stories ever written. Through the bible, we have encountered periods of peaks and valleys, while the people of God were in a good place of following His ten "best ways", often followed by periods of time where messenger after messenger was sent to spread the word to make better choices and follow Him. Our church school volunteers have geared their classes to engage the students in conversation and activities that relate lessons from the bible to present day relationships and events.

Led by the Reverend Melody Shobe, a small task force was rounded up last spring to look into our Church School attendance with the outcome being a new children's liturgy, named Logos, to take place in the Parish house at the beginning of the 10:30 worship service. This enables families with children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 to have active worship and readings geared at their level of understanding as parents are able to enjoy their own service. The children meet up with families at the peace with enthusiasm. I am discouraged at the challenge that families find to fit church in on Sundays. Those who have given it a fair try have found it to be a positive experience. I am equally

discouraged to hear that families have been turned away from attending due to a sign in protocol that I took part in initiating. The trend of dropping off children (with parents off site) was putting the church in a liability situation which needed to be curbed. We are not licensed as a child care program would be for that type of transfer of responsibility. Our program calls for parents and guardians to have the choice of adult formation, volunteering their time in the church school or to enjoy quiet time in the parlor, either alone or with other adults, over coffee on Sunday mornings during this hour. I am equally concerned for the message that this shows the children, that attending Church School is superseded by policy.

I am especially thankful to our Associate Rector, the Reverend Melody Shobe, for extending her years of experience in youth ministry to our Church School. She has enriched our teen curriculum through the adoption of the Journey to Adulthood program (now in our third year!) and has supported those teaching sponsors working with students in grades six through ten. Our exploration through the Bible has had weekly lessons that Rev. Shobe has created, once again to bring such a big story down to the children's level. Additionally, she has mentored lay leaders to facilitate the Logos program, so that she can participate in the adult service some weeks as well. Even Fr. Gunn and Deacon Joyce have taken turns to lead Logos. The children see this as a sign that they are important enough to have clergy there just for them.

Her dedication to the children and to the teaching volunteers has been quite an asset to us, and we are grateful for her gifts. Along with this leadership, I am humbled by the enthusiasm that the teachers bring each week to guide the students.

In peace,

Jen Banos



Episcopal Charities

This year has been a challenging year for many charitable organizations. Our own efforts to raise funds for agencies that provide aid to the most needy fell far short of the appointed goal. Our fundraising goal for Episcopal Charities for 2010 was \$16,810, unfortunately we only realized a return of \$7645, this is 45.5% of our intended effort. There are many factors that may have fed into our results, the economy and our own financial worries are just two of the possible reasons. However, it would be important to remember, with Episcopal Charities we are not talking about capitol costs, but true basic human need for our most vulnerable neighbors. The statewide goal fared much better with strong second efforts to call homes that did not respond to the original parish wide campaign. The Rhode Island goal was \$500,000 and the realized results reached \$430,000 or 86% of our statewide goal, thank- fully a much better outcome. I hope to see 2011 climb back to our previous years contributions to really make a true difference in the lives of our state's neediest residents. I will be stepping down as leader of the Episcopal Charities effort at Christ Church. I hope to continue to work on the campaign, but in an assisting role. I believe fresh ideas and a renewed effort will go far to revitalize our Episcopal Charities outcome for the future. Thank you to all of you who have worked so hard to help me in the last 5 or so years, you have all been a blessing to me and to the many who benefit from your generosity.

Faithfully Yours,
Jane Worton



Report for 176th Annual Parish Meeting

Handbell Choir

The current handbell choir members are Brian Allard, Sarah Gardner, and Albert Mongeau, also for special events Deborah Lincourt, and Carlene Hervieux. This is a very dedicated group of people.

On December 28th the handbell choir performed, by invitation, Christmas carols at Hearthside Manor during their candlelight tours. This event was once again a huge success. The Friends of Hearthside gave the handbell choir a donation of \$75.

We are looking for new ringers (or former ringers who wish to return) for September. Handbell ringing can be challenging but is always rewarding. We rehearse Thursday evenings, 6:30-8, in the church. Occasionally extra rehearsal time is necessary. Stop by one of our rehearsals, you may be surprised.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Allard,
Handbell Choir Directress

Hymns & Hers

Hymns and Hers has enjoyed a wonderful year of being joyfully noisy. There have been a number of shifts in membership this year. Most notably, Brandon Aikens has moved away from percussion and onto higher education (college). Similarly, vocalist Katie Hopkins left to pursue culinary school in New York. Tom Mulvey stepped in to handle some of the percussion chores, and Ralph Williams has joined us on bass guitar--shifting Dennis LaFreniere back to guitar--which has allowed for greater flexibility and musical possibilities. Our playing schedule has continued to be generally monthly during regular services. We have also continued to join forces with the Senior Choir during some of the more "extravagant" holiday services (e.g., Christmas, Easter), and have persisted in our yearly attempts at "blowing the doors off" Mass on the Grass. We also turned up this past Fall on stage at the Harvest Café. We have deeply appreciated the support we receive from parishioners over the past ten years. This has been a truly spiritual journey for all of us. Praise God!

Matt Bowen

Lectors

During the past year, our lectors have shown unwavering dedication to this ministry. Commitment has been reflected by early arrival to the service, checking to make sure that the lectern is in proper order and being well-rehearsed for the day's readings. All lectors do their best to adhere to the schedule. On rare occasion, when an adjustment is needed, it is easy to find a replacement from this friendly, committed group. Since the Ministry Fair, we have added five new lectors, including two youths. Each year, we have a mandatory meeting for new lectors to introduce them to the required procedures. The meeting is also offered as a refresher course for those who have been on the rotation. In previous years, the lector assigned to the second Reading at the 10:30 a.m. service would also read the Prayers of the People. This past year, a third lector was added to the schedule for the purpose of reading the Prayers of the People, which allows for more participation from our volunteers. As in the past, there is a mandatory rehearsal for the reading of the Passion on Good Friday and Palm Sunday. Notices of meetings, rehearsals, the schedule and the Readings are efficiently and timely provided by way of e-mail through the Christ Church Office.

Ed Gnys



Memorial Garden

There were two interments of cremated remains in our memorial garden in 2010, with services conducted by the Reverend Scott Gunn.

Additional memorial bricks have been installed in memory of loved members of our parish family.

I'm sorry to report that no plantings or other upgrades were accomplished during the year because of the poor ground conditions and stubborn bamboo in the north embankment area. Planned improvements in that area of our memorial garden are being coordinated with Jill Gaines, chair of the Grounds Committee; and she has many perceptive ideas which we will be looking into as funds become available.

The foundry that for many years has produced the bronze nameplates which appear on the northwest wall of the nave has gone out of business; and we now contract with Healy Plaques in Manville.

All requests for memorial bricks, ornamental shrubs, interment of ashes and/or donations to the memorial garden must be submitted to the parish office.

Submitted by
Elaine DaRosa, Memorial Garden Chair
Jill Gaines, Grounds Chair

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Opening Balance 01/01/2010	\$2939.89
Receipts:	
Engraved memorial bricks	\$250.00
Bronze Nameplate Plaques	\$400.00
Bank Interest	\$ 2.08
	\$ 652.08
Disbursements:	
Spaulding Brick, Inc.	\$18.00
Michael Healy Designs, Inc.	\$327.50
	\$ 345.50
Closing Balance 12/31/2010	\$3246.47

Office Volunteers

Thank you to all who so generously give their time and talents to help in the office on a weekly basis. As a group we got together to prepare and serve a Fellowship Hour in 2010. On Ministry Sunday we had a table and offered "Office Angel" treats to all. Our needs have changed some, we need less paper folding help, and more in the computer area.

We are grateful for all the help that has been given.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Gorman,
Office Administrator

Outreach

This year has been another vibrant year for Outreach at Christ Church.

We were able to help the Ashton school by providing, crayons, glue sticks and pencils.

We were part of a group of volunteers for Habitat for Humanity that helped to complete a home in Lincoln. The new home was ready in June and we had the honor of hosting the luncheon after the dedication and the blessing of the house.

We have continued our important ministry to St. George's Food Pantry and Meal service, collecting and donating food items for the pantry and preparing and serving food at the meal service on the fifth Sunday of each month. As part of formation this summer we collected toiletries for 50 Veterans. The CROP walk had a number of faithful walkers, and unlike last year the weather cooperated. We hosted the walk for the 4th consecutive year, Hymns and Hers played at kick off. A grand total of \$7600 raised and we brought approximately 300 lbs of nonperishable food to St George's Meal site just as patrons were being served. What better way to really see that you are making a difference!

We've helped 16 families with 36 total children in our December Adopt-a-Child, this is an increase from last year. We also received help from a couple of local business which helped us provide a meaningful Christmas to those families in need.

In the midst of our own difficult financial times, we

continued to give generously to those around us. We hope, in the coming year, to continue to focus and hone our outreach efforts, so that we can best meet the needs of those around us and respond to Christ's call to serve.

Submitted by
LuJean Johnson

Prayer Support Group

This small group of women: Bette Bruckner, Judy Foltz and Jean Kay pray for those listed on the Prayer Request sheets. These sheets can be found at the back of the church next to the "Prayer Requests" box just left of the center aisle. Parishioners may request intercessory prayers of healing, thanksgiving, support, etc. for a particular person(s), family, neighbor or friend and then place the request in the box. The requests are offered to god along with the offertory during the 10:30 service.

All information is kept confidential. Each intercessory prayer is said for one month. If you need to have prayers said before the Sunday service or if you are a shut-in, you may call the office and leave the information with the church administrator.

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone ---
1 Timothy 2:1

Submitted by,
Judy Foltz



Thrift Shop

The year 2010 was not a good one for the Thrift Shop even though we received some wonderful donations – many of them brand new. Our income was \$4,678.45 and our expenses were \$32.75. We had three teens volunteer their time for community service. Two of the girls were not from our parish. Lauren Hervieux volunteered as many hours as possible on Saturdays before her sport schedule kicked in. We also had a young man from the neighborhood volunteer 10 hours as part of his community service. He was a great help moving boxes from room to room, climbing on a high ladder to replace a curtain, etc. We were sorry to see him leave.

Our small staff of volunteers got smaller due to illnesses, part-time jobs or other family obligations. We were happy to have Barbara Papineau return for a few weeks between her trips to Florida. The staff of regular dedicated volunteers includes: Dot Bannon, Marjorie Boyce, Dolores Casse, Joan Desmarais, Marilyn Fletcher, Margaret Goodnow, Mary-Jane Jenson, and June Marra-pese.

In February 2010 we were able to donate two canes and a walker to Cardi's drive for those suffering in Haiti from the earthquake. We continue to hold "Bag Sales" in January and June and also donate clothing to the George Hunt center, St. George's, St. Paul's shelter and The Salvation Army at the end of each season.

As usual, we are closed most of February in order to pack up the winter and holiday items and to bring out the spring clothing.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Foltz



Year-end Account Balances

These amounts are unaudited.

This report does not include Altar Guild accounts, which are reported elsewhere.

	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Balance</i>
	<i>12/31/09</i>	<i>12/31/10</i>
Investment Accounts		
DIT - Housing Allowance	\$0	\$0
DIT - Hodgson Restricted Acct	\$4,459	\$4,533
DIT - General Endowment	\$122,197	\$93,293
ING - Aeltus Money Market Fund A	\$637	\$637
Fleet - U/W Eleanor Bartlett Edwards	\$165,389	\$178,316
Total Investments	\$292,682	\$276,779
 Bank Accounts		
CC Operating Account	\$11,055	\$14,964
CC Capital Fund	\$31,353	\$5,932
CC M&F Fund	\$8,069	\$7,016
CC Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$2,682	\$1,712
Memorial Garden Fund	\$2,940	\$3,246
Clergy Renewal Grant Checking	\$0	\$5,799
Clergy Renewal Grant Money Mkt	\$0	\$34,001
Total Bank Accounts	\$56,099	\$72,670
Total Assets	\$348,781	\$349,449
 Debt		
Diocesan Loan for Capital Exp \$30K		
	(\$20,141)	(\$14,193)
Diocesan Loan for Capital Exp \$18K		
	(\$18,000)	(\$14,560)
Total Debt	(\$38,141)	(\$28,753)
GRAND TOTAL (assets - debt)	\$310,640	\$320,696

Treasurer's Report for 2010

	<i>2010</i> <i>Actuals</i> <i>(Unaudited)</i>	<i>2010</i> <i>Budget</i>
Income		
Operating Income		
4.101.101 Loose Offerings	5,590.56	3,500.00
4.101.102 Initial Offering	147.12	200.00
4.101.103 Current Year Pledge	213,784.08	231,020.00
4.101.104 Prior Year Payments	4,384.00	2,500.00
4.101.105 Prepaid Pledge Next Y	165.00	2,000.00
4.101.106 Unpledged Contributio	4,340.00	15,000.00
4.101.107 Church School	1,157.00	300.00
4.101.108 Bazaar	218.00	8,000.00
4.101.109 Special Events	5,156.10	4,000.00
4.101.110 Investment Income	11,395.71	12,000.00
4.101.112 Easter	1,361.00	1,500.00
4.101.113 Thanksgiving	599.00	500.00
4.101.114 Christmas	2,272.00	2,000.00
4.101.120 Building Rentals	1,879.82	1,000.00
4.101.125 Thrift Shop	4,678.45	6,500.00
4.101.126 DIT - Housing Allowan	1,733.66	0.00
4.101.127 ING - Brokerage Acct	0.00	630.00
4.101.128 M&F Funds	0.00	0.00
4.101.129 Altar Guild Funds	11,000.00	11,000.00
4.101.130 Loans From Restricted	30,000.00	15,000.00
4.101.131 Disability Reimb.	6,058.53	6,000.00
Total Operating Income	305,920.03	322,650.00
Non-Operating		
4.101.350 Rector's Discretionar	1,859.80	0.00
4.101.400 Bishop's Discretionar	0.00	0.00
4.101.600 Non-Operating Grants	0.00	0.00
Total Non-Operating	1,859.80	0.00
Restricted Income		
4.102.100 Capital Building Fund	1,598.00	0.00
4.102.110 Renaissance Campaign	47,800.89	50,000.00
4.102.115 Diocesan Grant For As	26,666.72	26,666.00
4.102.120 M&F Income	0.74	0.00
4.102.150 Transfer from Ops	22,500.00	20,000.00
Total Restricted Income	98,566.35	96,666.00
Total Income	406,346.18	419,316.00

	<i>2010 Actuals (Unaudited)</i>	<i>2010 Budget</i>
Expense		
Operating Expenses		
Diocesan Assessments		
5.100.100 Diocesan Assessments	47,233.00	47,233.00
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Clergy Expense		
5.101.110 Clergy Salary	44,265.84	44,153.00
5.101.115 Clergy Housing Allowa	28,208.25	27,500.00
5.101.120 Clergy Pension	13,369.83	12,800.00
5.101.125 Clergy Medical Insura	18,955.88	16,200.00
5.101.130 Clergy SS & Other Pay	3,195.76	4,500.00
5.101.135 Clergy Professional Exp	2,638.17	4,000.00
5.101.140 Clergy Education Allo	600.00	600.00
5.101.150 Deacon Expenses	0.00	300.00
5.102.100 Clergy - Assisting &	0.00	250.00
Total Clergy Expense	111,233.73	110,303.00
Staff Expense		
5.103.150 Salary - Organist	11,100.00	11,000.00
5.103.151 Organist Professional	225.00	1,000.00
5.104.100 Salary - Parish Admin	22,556.75	25,000.00
5.105.100 Salary - Sexton	13,062.60	14,000.00
Total Staff Expense	46,944.35	51,000.00
Transfer to Capital	22,500.00	20,000.00
Utilities		
5.201.100 Telephone	1,909.63	2,200.00
5.201.105 Gas Heat-Church	7,693.32	9,500.00
5.201.110 Oil Heat-Parish House	17,119.99	15,500.00
5.201.115 Electricity	4,973.05	5,800.00
5.201.120 Water & Sewer	1,870.17	2,900.04
Total Utilities	33,566.16	35,900.04
Insurance		
5.202.100 Property & Other Insu	12,353.00	13,000.00
Total Insurance	12,353.00	13,000.00

	<i>2010 Actuals (Unaudited)</i>	<i>2010 Budget</i>
Administration		
5.203.100 Office Expense	4,289.49	5,000.00
5.203.105 Postage	2,229.08	3,000.00
5.203.110 Office Equipment Main	0.00	500.00
5.203.111 Copier Lease	3,345.37	3,800.00
5.203.112 Furniture & Equipment	43.99	150.00
5.203.115 Computer HW & SW	399.00	600.00
5.203.120 Payroll Service Expen	763.90	768.00
5.203.121 Vanco	102.75	125.00
5.203.125 Employer Share FICA &	4,442.68	5,700.00
Total Administration	15,616.26	19,643.00
Educational Expense		
5.204.105 Stewardship	611.38	500.00
5.204.110 Christian Education	737.27	2,500.00
5.204.120 Adult Education	-110.66	500.00
Total Educational Expense	1,237.99	3,500.00
Worship and Outreach		
5.205.100 Worship	684.78	500.00
5.205.105 Outreach	959.87	500.00
5.205.110 Leadership Developmen	1,013.65	1,000.00
5.205.115 Hospitality	2,626.95	1,200.00
5.205.117 Youth Group	122.57	1,000.00
Total Worship and Outreach	5,407.82	4,200.00
Music Expense		
5.206.100 Choir Supplies	1,010.00	300.00
5.206.105 Music - Bell Choir	134.31	150.00
5.206.110 Music - Junior Choir	0.00	100.00
5.206.112 Music - Guitar Minist	185.00	350.00
5.206.120 Piano Tuning	300.00	350.00
5.206.125 Organ Repairs	2,125.00	1,000.00
Total Music Expense	3,754.31	2,250.00
Property Expense		
5.207.100 Maint Of Grounds	952.59	800.00
5.207.105 Maint Of Buildings	4,749.83	4,500.00
5.207.107 Janitorial Supplies	445.52	500.00
5.207.110 Pest Control	1,332.85	1,000.00
5.207.120 Thrift Shop	0.00	500.00
Total Property Expense	7,480.79	7,300.00
Total Operating Expenses	307,327.41	314,329.04

	<i>2010 Actuals (Unaudited)</i>	<i>2010 Budget</i>
Restricted Expenses		
Asst Clergy		
5.300.050 Asst Clergy Salary	37,623.12	41,500.00
5.300.051 Asst Clergy Housing A	16,291.59	17,000.00
5.300.052 Asst Clergy Pension	9,831.21	10,500.00
5.300.053 Asst Clergy Medical I	10,379.50	9,000.00
5.300.054 Asst Clergy Prof Expe	1,173.96	4,000.00
5.300.055 Asst Clergy Ed Allow	0.00	600.00
5.300.056 Asst Clergy SS Taxes	2,398.40	3,100.00
Total Asst Clergy	77,697.78	85,700.00
Restricted Funds Expenses		
5.300.100 Capital Bldg Fund Exp	42,625.00	129,595.96
Total Restricted Funds Expenses	42,625.00	129,595.96
Total Restricted Expenses	120,322.78	215,295.96
Total Expense	427,650.19	529,625.00
Net Income	-21,304.01	-110,309.00

Ministry Leaders

Robert Cutler, *Acolytes*
Jean Kay, *Altar Guild*
Jane Gauvin, *Altar Guild* (Emerita)
Jen Banos, *Church School*
Kimberly Allard, *Counters*
Elaine DaRosa, *Episcopal Church Women*
Joyce Thorne, *Subdeacons & Eucharistic Visitors*
Bette Bruckner, *Greeters*
Jill Gaines, *Grounds*
Ralph Williams, *The Harvest Cafe*
Kimberly Allard, *Handbell Choir*
Matt Bowen, *Hymns & Hers*
Denyce Johnson, *J2A Activities*
Vacant, Junior Choir
Ed Gnys, *Lectors*
Elaine DaRosa, *Memorial Garden*
Linda Gorman, *Office Volunteers*
LuJean Johnson, *Outreach*
Judy Foltz, *Prayer Support Group*
Lorry Boss, *Sacristan*
Anne Kilkenny, *St. Benedict's Guild*
Laura Brion, *Senior Choir*
Judy Foltz, *Thrift Shop*
Carolyn Rancourt, *Web Minister*

Staff & Vestry Directory

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The Rev'd Joyce Thorne, Deacon
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Gary Rounds, Sexton

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Jim Giammarino
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On the Day of Pentecost, we welcomed our new deacon, the Rev'd Joyce Thorne, flanked here by the Rev'd Melody Shobe and the Rev'd Scott Gunn.

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